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From: Pattie Aho (Maine) [Ahop@api.org]
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2003 11:52 AM
To: Hetty Richardson
Subject: Ship Discharge Task Force

Hi Hetty,

You had asked me to send you a list or description of issues related to ship discharges in order to help facilitate discussion at the task force meeting.

Our concern is to ensure that everyone involved at the task force as well as the public policy process understand that any action which is taken to regulate cruise ship discharges also will apply to other types of vessels including commercial tankers, barges, as well as recreational vessels. Obviously, our focus and concern would be on how the commercial tankers and barges are regulated within any type of no discharge zone scheme. I would ask you, to also ensure this, by not referring LD 1271 as the "cruise ship discharge" bill. The bill and work of the task force apply to all types of marine vessels within Maine waters.

I am sure that you are aware that EPA is currently undertaking an informational survey to determine the effectiveness of no discharge zones for vessel sewerage and marine sanitation devices. I have attached to this email a copy of the Federal Register, March 27, 2003 (Vol. 68, No. 59). This information I think will be helpful to us as we move forward because it will be important to understand how effective the various marine sanitation devices are, as well as how effective no discharge zones have been in other areas of the United States.

Hope this helps,

Pattie Aho

Attachment

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